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Welcome Speech to Cloé Madanes

I am very happy to open the DPSP International Seminar on October 3rd 2008 on Strategic Psychotherapy. On behalf of the Board of the Danish Psychotherapeutic Society for Psychologists I warmly welcome all of you, old and new members of DPSP, all professions represented, and a special welcome to our Swizz colleges being with us here today. We are around 150 participants, most of us Danish psychologists. My name is Klaus Pedersen, Chairman of the Board.

Today we are going to meet one of the world's leading psychologists for several decades in the field of Strategic Psychotherapy, Licenciada in Psychology, University Buenos Aires, Honorary Doctor, University of San Francisco, recipient of several awards for distinguished contributions to psychology, President of the Robbins-Madanes Center for Strategic Intervention and The Madanes Institute, California and recognized Master Therapist by the American Psychological Association, *Cloé Madanes*.

Based on a strong commitment to her ideas and work Cloé Madanes became one of the originators of Strategic Psychotherapy contributing with unique psychotherapeutic concepts and pioneering methods among many others using strategies like pretence hierarchy installation and ordéals as vehicles for transformation.

Publication of numerous articles and several books that has become classics and translated into more than 10 languages talks for itself. Among these the newest book *The Therapist as Humanist, Social Activist and Systemic Thinker* which reflects essentials of Cloé Madanes approach.

You have presented key-note addresses worldwide among these several times at the World's largest psychotherapy conference The Evolution of Psychotherapy by the Milton Erickson Foundation. When I heard you speak in California in 2005 I was struck by the curative potency of the paradoxical, daring and imperative nature of your clinical work which reminds me of tales of legendary Milton Erickson.

Your scope is wide working with people from all levels of society, children, couples, drug addicts, incest families et cetera, as well as with large organizations. Your clinical results, your will and courage to challenge seemingly hopeless cases in the therapy hour and your insistence on a humanistic approach is encouraging and shows you as a true Master Clinician. We have been looking very much forward to this day with you. I warmly welcome you to Denmark and to our Society.

Klaus Pedersen
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Conference Organizer

Honouring Cloé Madanes
for Outstanding Contributions to the Art and Science of Psychotherapy
to the Benefit for Humanity